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Status of NIS Phaseout

Fourteen General Surveys are in various stages of editing and processing in NISD, although on more than half of them one or more contributions ^{are} ~~is~~ delinquent. Four more Surveys are scheduled for receipt in OBGI by the end of December 1973. In accordance with planned personnel reductions, Division on-board strength has dropped from 55 to 30.

Assuming no serious delays in the submission of manuscripts and no significant losses in NISD personnel over present levels, we should be able to meet our March 1974 target for completing the processing of all Survey production.

We are less confident of our ability to complete all of the detailed sections, the processing of which -- by agreement of the producers -- has been given a lower priority than the General Surveys. We have about 17 detailed sections on hand, some of which will need major updating by the contributors. If the General Survey processing moves smoothly, however, we should be able to complete about two-thirds of them.

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